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Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know why, if a member of the depressed classes has been appointed to the Committee to safeguard the interests of the depressed classes, and why if a Muslim is there to represent the interests of the Muslims, an Indian Christian should not also be appointed to the Committee to represent the interests of the Indian Christians?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Only three men could be appointed to the Committee, and as such, we had to nominate members from such of the communities as wanted representation."

Resolution regarding the free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture' to the landholders of Puttur taluk.

* 30 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the resolution communicated to them by the landholders' meeting held in Puttur on 29th April 1933 requesting free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture'; and

(b) whether they have passed any orders in regard to this matter?

A.—(a) The Government have received the resolution.
(b) They do not propose to sanction free supply.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, may I know whether the Government can reconsider the matter of the free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture'?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"In the present financial circumstances, it is not possible to reconsider the question."

Mr. W. K. M. LANGLEY:—"With reference to clause (b) of the question, will the hon. the Minister concerned consider the question of addressing the Government of India to remove the import duty on copper sulphate which is an important ingredient of 'Bordeaux' mixture?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

Local Self-Government

Alleged maladministration of the Rasipur Panchayat, Salem district.

* 31 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations about the high-handedness and mismanagement of the President of the Rasipur Panchayat in the Salem district; and

(b) what those representations are, when they were received and what action the Government have taken on them?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A few petitions from certain members of the panchayat board and a letter from the President, Taluk Board, Namakkal, have been received in the course of June 1933 and they have been referred to the President, Panchayat Board, for remarks on the various charges made against him therein.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know whether the reply of the president, panchayat board, has been received?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"We have not yet heard from him."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know if the Government have noted whether the allegations set forth in the petitions were serious?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"They are being investigated, and I am unable to say whether they are serious or not. A report has been called for and it is awaited."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the petitions are from a majority or a minority of the board?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am afraid I cannot answer the question without notice."

Irrigation

Estimates, etc., for the Torrigedda Project.

* 32 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the proposal for Torrigedda Project was first made; whether estimates for the scheme have been prepared; if so, when and what the estimated amount is;

(b) what extent of land is expected to be brought under cultivation *under* this project;

(c) what the revenue hoped to be realized by Teervailu is; and

(d) what the causes are that led to the delay in the sanctioning of this work for such a long time?

A.—(a) The scheme (to relieve the lands lying in the basin of the Torrigedda stream from submersion during floods in the Godavari) was under the Chief Engineer's consideration between 1927 and 1931. In September 1931, he reported that the construction of an outfall sluice was roughly estimated to cost Rs. 1,20,000. Detailed estimates were not prepared.

(b) & (c) The object of the scheme is not extension of irrigation but the relief of the lands lying in the Torrigedda basin from submersion. (It was reported in 1931 that the scheme would save remissions to the extent of about Rs. 1,200 a year.)